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Dave,

Is there any particular reason you assume that I would want to use Kate Bornstein's definition of anything?

At any rate, "gender reassignment" is certainly an interesting phrase. Who's in charge of assigning genders today?

Roberta Angela Dee

>ObedientFemme wrote:

>> In Europe, the sex change operation is referred to as gender reassignment
>> surgery (GRS). In the United State, the sex change operation is referred
>to as
>> sex reassignment surgery (GRS). Both phrases refer to the same procedure.
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>Other terms have been used also... Kate Bornstein quotes the phrase "genital
>conversion surgery", as used by her surgeons. This seems to be a more direct
>description of the actual nature of the procedure, as distinct from the
>social
>meanings attached to it.
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>According to the conventional "standards of care", one first does the "gender
>reassignment" (i.e., establishes an active presence for oneself in the world
>as a person of the "new" gender) and then has the "genital conversion" done.
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>-dave w

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Wilkins and Bornstein attempt to combine science with social politics. The results of their efforts are flawed, inconsistent and have done more to confuse gender issues than clarifying these issues.

Gender, to a large extent, is based on teh culture. It has to do with the way that an individual accepts specific cultural roles, and combines a role with their own gender preferences.

Where is the "third" culture upon which any individual could draw perceptions of a role? What roles are assigned to an individual who is neither a man, nor a woman?

Roberta Angela Dee
Founder of TG Woman

>Then you sure as hell haven't read the most popular books by trans out
>there. Try anything by Riki Wilkins or Kate Bornstein for starters.
>Both identify as "third gender" as post-ops.
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> Cathy Platine
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ObedientFemme wrote:

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Ok, I'll attempt discourse. Riki, Kate and Les Feinstein, to name a few, do in fact mix politics with gender. Like it or not the two are very much enmeshed and that's the basis of most feminist thought. If one lives in the real world, culture, politics, gender roles and identity are interconnected, that cannot be escaped. While I don't identify as "third", their ideas are very useful in breaking the mold of binary thinking (bipolar), a key to a wider world view that enables one

to step outside the box and experience the gestalt. Garber' book is another somewhat flawed, but very interesting none the less.

What roles are assigned to a "third"? In other, older cultures the roles were teachers, healers and spiritual leaders. The Hijra of India spring to mind immediately. Your own church demonstrates this quite well. Priestly robes are essentially dresses, a holdover from the older Gallae priestess of Cybele upon who's temples the Vatican was built. Celibacy of the priesthood, yet another.

My point is, binary thinking is a logic trap. It matters not if you identify as "third", others do see transfolk in this light and many transfolks do identify in this manner. Your original comment was you were unaware of anyone who viewed themselves in this manner. I provided examples. Don't dismiss them out of hand.

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Cathy Platine

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"Leading transies is like trying to herd cats. You get nowhere and just annoy the cats."

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>identity are interconnected, that cannot be escaped.

I don't have a problem with anyone combining science with politics. I to live
in the real world. However, I do have a problem with people who allow their
socio-political agenda to distort the science.

Wilkins and Bornstein alienate people because their science is wrong, and
people simply can't accept their distorted concepts.

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>identify as "third", their ideas are very useful in breaking the mold of
>binary thinking (bipolar), a key to a wider world view that enables one
>to step outside the box and experience the gestalt.

Not everyone considers it ideal to experience the gestalt. I certainly don't.
I look for what's real and tangible. The gestalt is at best a subjective
experience.

Returning to the real world, like it or not, agree with it or not, we live in a
bipolar world. When asked to designate sex, we are given two, not three,
choices. We are men or we are women. We are not men, women, or "other."

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Majorie Garber is primarily concerned with sexuality, specifically,
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>well. Priestly robes are essentially dresses, a holdover from the older
>Gallae priestess of Cybele upon who's temples the Vatican was built.
>Celibacy of the priesthood, yet another.

I'm addressing present day American culture. I do not live in India. I do not live in the 18th century.

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>identify as "third", others do see transfolk in this light and many
>transfolks do identify in this manner. Your original comment was you
>were unaware of anyone who viewed themselves in this manner. I provided
>examples. Don't dismiss them out of hand.

Your examples were not relevant to the context of this discussion. I could create, imagine or refer to allusions of sexuality. However, my impression was that you wanted to confine the discussion to the real world, or to use your own words: " If one lives in the real world, culture, politics, gender roles and identity are interconnected, that cannot be escaped."

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You assume I've dismissed something. One can't dismiss something that has not yet been shown to exist.

So, assuming that a third sex exists, my question merely asks what roles are they assigned or expected to fulfill?

Roberta Angela Dee

>ObedientFemme wrote:
>> What roles are assigned to an individual
>> who is neither a man, nor a woman?
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>You ask it rather dismissively but it's rather
>an interesting question... how can one go about
>"being a person" without necessarily specifically
>"being a man" or "being a woman"?
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>-dave w

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>No you cannot process ideas that threaten your world view. It's a very
>common problem. It puts severe limits on one's personal growth.

Please, try to refrain from your personal attacks. They do not encourage
intelligent discussion.

>And yet they are both very popular with younger lesbians (see reply to
>Blake)
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>FYI I've met and chatted at length with both of them.

It's understandable that they would be popular among younger lesbian. However,
I'm not discussing their popularity or lack of popularity. I'm discussing
their accuracy in both an historical and a scientific sense. In these areas,
they are weak.

>Reality is subjective.....can't you see that your reality and mine
>are different? This is true of most folks. What you call reality is
>your processing of what you see around you based on your basic
>assumptions which filter "reality" as you report it.

Reality is indeed subjective. However, it's our ability to process information
similarly that allows us to function as a society and as a culture. When one's
reality differs so much that it is perceived as delusional, the individual must
"prove" their assertions.

Columbus was deemed irrational, until he could provide proof that the world was
round. His point of view did not become popular, until he provided such proof.

>In many (most) people's mind men women and other are EXACTLY how they
>filter reality. Xenophobia is, sadly, alive and well in most folks and
>THIS is the basis of the fear of homosexuals, bisexuals, trans-anything,
>gynophobia as well as racism. (I'll save you the trouble of looking it
>up, xenophobia is fear of the other, someone different than one's self,
>not fear of a warrior princess)

It is xenophobia that fuels your hostility towards those who are transgender.

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>Reread the book, you missed the point when she wandered into sexuality.

No comment.

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>> >spring to mind immediately. Your own church demonstrates this quite
>> >well. Priestly robes are essentially dresses, a holdover from the older
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And this says what about a third gender?

>I live as well in the Amerikan culture.....as a Gallae priestess, as
>a woman and to some few who know, as a transsexual. I spent several of
>my formative years living in India. History is TOTALLY relevant to
>understanding culture.

And that explains why Bornstein and Wilkins are popular among younger lesbians.
They do not have a historical perspective.

In fact, it's impossible to understand culture
>(including especially your own) without a solid grounding in history.
>This is a major source of the problems in the world today, too many
>dismiss history as not relevant.

So true.

>You are the one who insists on limiting "discussions" to your own set.
>A true discussion worth it's salt is free ranging, in my personal
>opinion. Anything less quickly becomes mental masturbation, maybe
>satisfying at the moment, but worthless in the larger scheme of things.
>Frankly, I have better uses of my time.
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> Cathy Platine
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So, I see. Thank you for the text.

Roberta Angela Dee